

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4639

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639 in Williamsburg, Virginia. On November 16, 1945, 72 Veterans returning from World War II founded Post 4639, and this Post has honorably served the community ever since.

Post 4639 is named in honor of Sergeant John Taylor Blacknall, Jr. and 1st Lieutenant Philip Sheridan Chess, Jr. who were both killed in action during World War II. Sergeant Blacknall, who was a soldier in the 116th Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division, was killed in action on June 6, 1944 at Basse-Normandie, France. 1st Lieutenant Chess was killed in action on July 17, 1944 at Villamagna, Volterra, Pisa, Toscana, Italy. I want to express my deepest gratitude to SGT Blacknall and 1LT Chess, and every American hero who has paid the ultimate price to service and protect our nation.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is comprised of veterans that served in combat zones during our nation's wars who return to continue to serve our nation's communities. Post 4639 has been an All-American Veterans of Foreign Wars Post four times, and an All State Post eleven times.

As the United States Representative for Virginia's First District, I am honored to work with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639. I am particularly inspired by the dedication and hard work of Post 4639, and the commitment to their core values including, but not limited to: promoting patriotism, honoring military service, ensuring the care of Veterans and their families, and serving their communities. The service men and women at Post 4639 are true American heroes and serve as an example of what makes our nation special.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me to recognize the 75th Anniversary of The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639. I am deeply grateful for the men and women not only who serve at Post 4639, but who dedicate their life to service for our great nation.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
LIFENET PARAMEDIC SHON MATTHEWS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the legacy of Shon Matthews. A paramedic with the

LifeNet Texarkana Division since October 2007, Shon was a wonderful example of service above self.

Shon passed away on Monday, November 2 after a battle with COVID-19. The Fourth District of Arkansas will grieve not only the loss of a friend, but also an exemplary public servant. For the past 23 years, Shon committed his life to working as a first responder, even volunteering for his local fire department in addition to working as an EMT and, eventually, a paramedic.

Beyond his own service on LifeNet Air medical helicopters, he sought to teach others those life-saving skills as Operations Manager for the Texarkana Division. Later becoming an area manager, Shon is said to have done "whatever the company needed to take care of patients and to serve the community."

I first met Shon when he visited my office in 2019 for the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life event. He was dubbed "The Selfie King" during that trip to Washington, and I am honored I had the chance to visit with him and learn more about his work in Arkansas. I take this time to honor Shon and his family for their selfless love of community and their sacrifice for the safety and well-being of their fellow man.

IN HONOR OF DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel O'Sullivan of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. O'Sullivan for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED
LLEWELLYN HOBGOOD III

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood, III.

Hobgood spent his entire life in North Carolina. He was a successful businessman, a fixture in the community and, above all, a loving husband and father of two.

Alfred Hobgood was born on December 3, 1946, in Kinston, North Carolina, to Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood, Jr., and Suefan Gooding Hobgood.

He was raised in Smithfield and attended Darlington High School before attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His time at UNC was formative to his life and the lessons he learned set him up for a successful career in the business world.

After leaving UNC, he began his career under the arms of Jim Wheat of Wheat First Securities.

Then he went to Scott and Stringfellow in Eastern North Carolina. After that, he went on to work for RBC Wealth Management, where he served as Senior Vice President.

Alfred was a passionate UNC fan and an active alumnus, serving as an officer on several boards, including as president of the Co-Founders Club and chairman of the Excellence Fund.

Alfred was also an avid golfer. He was a founding board member of Old Chatham Golf Club and a board member of The Rex Hospital Open. And he passionately supported the First Tee of the Triangle as a past Director.

His weight as a member of the community was felt all over North Carolina as he supported the Parrot Academy of Kinston, the LMH Foundation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, St. Mary's School in Raleigh, Rex Hospital, and many other charitable causes.

Sadly, Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood, III, passed away on October 6, 2019, at the age of 72. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the entire community.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL NORELL

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